Statement

Re-employment of retired Jawans

I. Annual retirement/ wastage (Officer/Junior Commissioned Officers/ Other Ranks):

Year	Army	Navy	Air Force	Total
2002	34834	3148	6517	44499
2003	72096	2529	6039	80664
2004*	27997	1541	1858	31396

* Data for the year 2004 is for January to June, 2004.

II. Sector-wise placement of ex-servicemen in the country:

Year	Central Govt.	State Govt.	Private Sector	Total
2002	6844	2219	3064	12127
2003	5513	3096	3079	11688
2004*	3140	1640	1764	6544

*Data for the year 2004 pertain to 6 months period *i.e.* January-June, 2004.

Life and property lost in MIG-21 Aircaft crash near Bikaner

1586. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 201 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd March, 2005 and State the extent of loss to life and property caused due to the mishap?

THE MINISTER DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): There was no loss of life of Defence personnel/civilians or any damage to the civil property in the MiG-21 aircraft accident which took place on 4th January, 2005 near Bikaner, Rajasthan.

Re-employment benefits to Ex-PBOR

1587. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ex-Personnel Below Officer Rank (Ex-PBOR) re-employed after registering their names with Director General of Resettlement

(DGR) and called for interview and appointed in autonomous bodies based on the above registration in DGR are eligible for all the benefits as that of the Ex-PBOR re-employed in autonomous bodies through securities agencies sponsored through DGR; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) Those ex-Personnel Below Officers' Rank (PBOR) who are sponsored by Director General Resettlement (DGR) to autonomous bodies, on their employment get pay and allowances as are admissible under the rules of the respective autonomous body. The pay and allowances drawn by ex-PBOR through security agencies are in conformity to what is applicable to semi skilled labour notified through State Government Gazette notification as applicable.

Guidelines on Defence purchases

1588. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has laid down strict guidelines on evolving a time-bound system for scrutiny of Defence purchases;

(b) whether it is a fact that Defence purchases are delayed over the years in normal course;

(c) in what way, would Government ensure that Defence purchases are made on a strict time-bound system;

(d) whether it is also a face that some Defence suppliers deliberately ensure that delays occur in such matters; and

(e) the steps proposed to adhere to the new rules of time-bound purchases?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) Defence Procurement Procedure-2002 (Version June, 2003) lays down steps to be followed for procurement of weapons, equipment, systems, etc. under Capital Head. It has not been possible to lay down a uniform timeframe for completion of different activities relating to defence acquisitions in view of the complexities of the equipment/weapon system being procured, denial of technology in critical areas for indigenous manufacture, restricted nature of defence industry etc. In addition, there